



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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SHOOTING VICTIM DIES

This evening Hampton police were notified that **Martin Alexander Alston, Jr.**, a 23 year old residing in the 300 block of Pochin Place, had succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead by Sentara physician at 4:29 pm.

On January 4, 2005, at approximately 11:45 pm, officers responded to the Sentara CarePlex emergency room to investigate a shooting complaint. Officers learned that Alston was transported from the area of Shell Road by several unidentified subjects.

The investigation indicates that a confrontation developed between two rival groups and each exchanged gunfire. Alston was struck once in the torso and transported by his acquaintances to the hospital where he later died.

Detectives have obtained arrest warrants charging **Johnny Lee Chavis, Jr.**, with murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. **Leon Lewis Jackson**, a 22 year old residing in the 700 block of Maryland Avenue, was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Jackson was identified as one of the armed suspects in the vehicle occupied by Alston.

Anyone with information that will assist police with locating Johnny Lee Chavis Jr., is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111 or Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP. Crime Line callers remain anonymous and never appear in court. If a Crime Line call results in an arrest, the caller is eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00.

Corporal Jimmie Wideman will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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